

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 6/4/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Geoff O'Quest 805-781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended responses from the Sheriff and Probation Department to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report."			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Accept and file recommended responses from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"; (2) Approve recommended responses from the Probation Department to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"; and (3) Forward the approved response from the Sheriff and Probation Department to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by June 23, 2013. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
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(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the County Administrative Office.			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Geoff O'Quest
805-781-5011

DATE: 6/4/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve recommended responses from the Sheriff and Probation Department to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

- (1) Accept and file recommended responses from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report";
- (2) Approve recommended responses from the Probation Department to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"; and
- (3) Forward the approved response from the Sheriff and Probation Department to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by June 23, 2013.

DISCUSSION

On April 23, 2013, the Grand Jury issued a report on "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report." This report presents the 2012-13 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury's inquiry into the conditions and management of the San Luis Obispo County Jail, San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, and city and county temporary holding facilities. State law (PC 19(b)) mandates that "The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county." Authorization extends to interviewing inmates and reviewing inmates' grievances. The 2011-12 report contains 12 findings and six recommendations.

In addition to its findings and recommendations, the report commends the high degree of professionalism of management and Correctional Officers at the Jail and at the Juvenile Hall, including the prompt response of management to follow-up questions posed by the Grand Jury and their prompt efforts to correct noted problems. The Grand Jury commends the Sheriff's staff for opening the Women's Honor Farm and for the development of educational and vocational programs for the Honor Farm inmates. Sheriff's staff are also commended for developing programs at the Men's Honor Farm that aim to reduce recidivism. The Grand Jury commends the Jail kitchen personnel for their Juvenile Hall health menus and the volunteers at the Juvenile Hall. Volunteers at the Jail and Juvenile Hall are also commended.

The report requires the responses to Findings and Recommendations as identified below. The response from each department is attached to this staff report.

Sheriff-Coroner:

Finding #1. Overcrowding at the Jail remains a problem. Many inmates sleep in plastic "boats" or mattresses on the floors.

Finding #10. Correctional officers at the Courthouse do not have ready access to restroom facilities.

Finding #11. Inmates in wheelchairs are transported to holding cells through the public corridors of the

Courthouse.

Finding #12. Video surveillance systems are out-of-date in the Courthouse area.

Recommendation #1. Plans to build the new women's jail should remain a top priority.

Recommendation #4. Courthouse Correctional Officers should explore an alternative route for wheelchair bound prison inmates other than through public corridors.

Recommendation #5. Improve staff restroom facilities in the County Courthouse holding cells by using AB 109 funds.

Recommendation #6. Install a new surveillance system in the County courthouse holding cells by using AB 109 funds.

Probation Department:

Finding #6. The Juvenile Hall Handbook, on the website, concerning the use of the coupon system continues to be inaccurate.

Recommendation #2. The Juvenile Hall Handbook on the website should be updated.

Responses from the Sheriff and Probation Department are due to the Presiding Judge by June 23, 2013. No response is required from the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrative Office procedures include coordinating the departmental responses to Grand Jury reports and preparing recommended responses on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The departmental responses to this Grand Jury report are attached and, where appropriate, incorporated as the Board's response.

OTHER DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Grand Jury inspected the County Jail, Juvenile Hall, the County Courthouse holding facility, and all seven city police departments within San Luis Obispo County. The County Administrative Office reviewed the responses to the Grand Jury report prepared by the Sheriff and the Probation Department in the development of the recommended Board response to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this item.

RESULTS

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sheriff's response to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"
3. Probation's response to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"
2. Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Holding Cells: Inspection and Information Report"